

*“We shall not cease from exploration
and the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
and know the place for the first time.”*

- T.S. ELIOT

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SEARCH?

As you may be aware, **NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** charges no fees – the only adoption program in the country to completely rely upon donations to operate.

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IF YOU'RE
THINKING ABOUT

Searching



WE CAN HELP

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WHAT IS SEARCH?

A search is establishing a personal connection with people from your past. If an adoptee wishes to have contact with birth parents, the agency is required by law to serve as an intermediary in the search. The adoptee may request all of the non-identifying information in his or her record.

Searching is a complicated process of locating people whose lives may have changed a great deal. Permission of all parties involved is required before any direct contact is possible. **NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** is always accessible to all members of a search; the adopted person, birth parent(s) and adoptive parents.

WHY SEARCH?

The motivation may include any or all of the following reasons.

- Seeking a true genealogical, medical or historical sense of self
- Seeking answers to lifelong questions
- Wanting to know if another person is alive and well
- Possessing a desire to express love
- Wanting to resolve a sense of disconnection or loneliness

HOW DOES A SEARCH HAPPEN?

Nebraska law requires that an adoptee be 25 years of age in order to search. Anyone under the legal age to search should call us for answers to your specific questions.

Contact any **NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** office for general information or the Omaha office for specific steps necessary to proceed.

seeking a Sense of self

“Searching...”

It's a word implying ongoing, unresolved activity. Movement toward something that is slightly beyond reach.

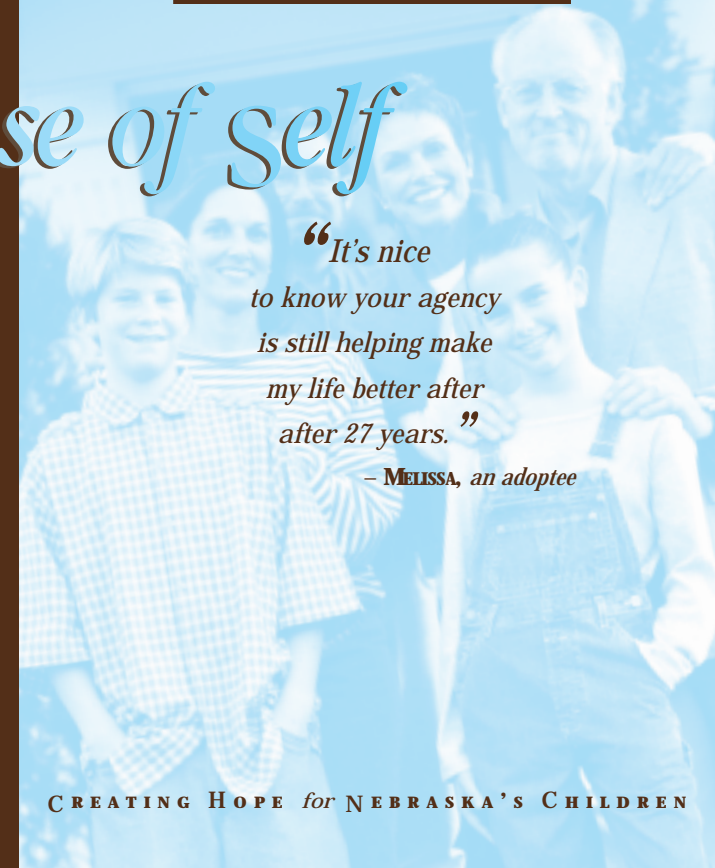
With searching, one person is doing the action, while the other is on the receiving end of the action; there is the person searching and the person being sought.”

– **LOIS MELINA**

“In all of us, there is a hunger,

marrow-deep, to know our heritage, to know who we are, and where we have come from. Without this knowledge there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is a vacuum, an emptiness, and a most disquieting loneliness.”

– **ALEX HALEY**



“It's nice to know your agency is still helping make my life better after after 27 years.”

– **MELISSA, an adoptee**